## **HOUSE RESOLUTION 102**

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Melissa Beth Valentine, 2007 Valedictorian of Carter High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Beth Valentine is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2007 graduating class at Carter High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Melissa Valentine has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Valentine has earned an exemplary 4.28 grade point average, while taking college-level courses and participating in a variety of extracurricular activities, including Carter High Upper-class Mentors, Color Guard, Concert Band, Student Council, Future Business Leaders of America, Key Club, Knoxville Youth Summit Planning Committee, Marching Band, Mu Alpha Theta, which she served as President, Mock Trial, National Honor Society, Principal's Round Table, and the Scholar's Bowl team, which she served as captain; and

WHEREAS, she has also completed a Knox County Summer Internship at the County Law Director's office and attended a National Youth Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, a National Merit finalist, Melissa has been named D.A.R. Good Citizen of the Senior Class and a George Washington Honor Scholar; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Valentine's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as a student at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Melissa's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Rick and Cindy Valentine, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Valentine's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend and honor the 2007 Carter High School Valedictorian, Melissa Beth Valentine, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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